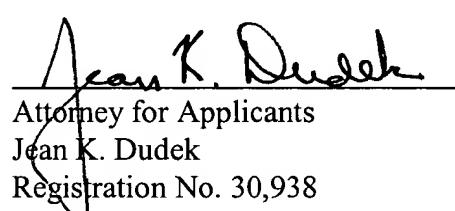


REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in this application, with Claims 1 and 13 being independent. The abstract of the disclosure and the specification are amended herein to improve their form. At pages 2 and 3, the citation form of two Japanese references is corrected. The correct documents were cited in, and enclosed with, the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 3, 2002. It is submitted that no new matter has been added.

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